

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

The meeting was held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via conference call.

PRESENT:

E. Christopher Murray	Chair
Jim Morgo	Vice Chair
Shirley Coverdale	2 nd Vice Chair
Gordon Canary	Secretary
Theresa Sanders	Trustee
Belinda Pagdanganan	Trustee
Kevin O'Connor	Trustee
Gemma deLeon-Lopresti	Trustee
Priscilla Zarate	Trustee
Kaitlyn Gambina	Student Trustee
Louis J. Petrizzo	Interim President
Alicia O'Connor	Deputy General Counsel
Ashley Pope	Deputy General Counsel
Dr. Mark Harris	V.P. for Business and Financial Affairs
Dr. Paul Beaudin	V.P. for Academic Affairs
Dr. Christopher J. Adams	V.P. for Student Affairs
Mary Lou Araneo	V.P. for Institutional Advancement
Dr. Jeffrey Pedersen	V.P. for Planning & Institutional Effectiveness
Shady Azzam-Gomez	V.P. for Information Technology Services
Angelica Rivera	A.V.P. for Employee Resources

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened at 9:04 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Canary.

Chair Murray noted the passing of Legislator Tom Muratore earlier in the week, and said he did not know him personally, but from all reports he was a gentleman and worked well with everybody on the legislature and will be missed. Trustee Canary added that Legislator Muratore was a very strong supporter of the College and his loss will be missed. President Petrizzo said he echoed Trustee Canary's comments, and said Mr. Muratore was a stalwart for the College, always willing to support the College and would be dearly missed.

Chair Murray called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting and convene the Board of Directors meeting at 9:06 a.m. Trustee Morgo so moved, Trustee Coverdale seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Murray called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting and reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 9:12 a.m. Trustee deLeon-Lopresti so moved, Trustee Gambina seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Murray requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Sanders so moved, Trustee Pagdanganan seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

Chair Murray introduced Dr. Mark Harris, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs, to present the College Budget and Financial report. Dr. Harris reported that the year-end close process for fiscal year 2020 has just begun, and as such, he was presenting the same projections that were reported last month. The College remains optimistic that it will still add approximately \$3M+ to the fund balance, however he will be in a much better position in October to give a more accurate update. During last month's meeting the College reported a net revenue loss of \$4.39 million with a cost reduction of approximately \$11.7 million. In terms of cash flow, the County had an outstanding balance of about \$14.4 million. He noted that when the College spoke to some members of the Board earlier in the week they indicated that there was still an outstanding balance of \$4.2 million. The evening after the call, the College was notified that it would have been made whole, and received the full amount that was outstanding from the County. Dr. Harris said that on behalf of the College he expressed its gratitude to the Board members for whatever efforts that were made in getting the funds. The one piece that still remains outstanding is \$2.7 million, which represents about 20% of the total State appropriation. The College is uncertain whether or not this is just a deferment, whether it's a holdback, or whether or not it's going to be a permanent cut for fiscal 2020.

While the College is still unsure of state funding, the efforts undertaken by the College have yielded positive results to enrollment. Last month, the College reported its enrollment was at about a 17% decline. As of today, the enrollment gap from last month has significantly shrunk from 17% to approximately 8.7% - a significant improvement. However, Dr. Harris did note that they will be in a better position to assess the true financial impact over the next few weeks. Additionally, last month Dr. Harris had discussed the possible reduction of some state-funded programs. The College was recently informed that all state-funded programs are at risk of getting reduced. There's a possibility of reduction from 0 to 100%. The College continues to work with SUNY to get a better sense of what those programs will be.

Trustee Morgo said he wanted to extend his gratitude to Dr. Harris, President Petrizzo and the entire administration for their work with the County on Monday evening, noting that at the Executive Committee meeting it didn't sound very hopeful, and whatever was done in an effort to get the County to turn that around he was grateful.

Trustee Sanders thanked and congratulated everyone, in particular Dr. Adams, for the hard work over the summer and the aggressive approach to improving enrollment, noting that many colleges were not doing well.

President Petrizzo noted that the College had budgeted that it would be down 7% and is now close to that projection. He thanked Dr. Pederson for his work in helping with the projections. He added that of the 30 community colleges, 27 had higher losses of enrollment than Suffolk County Community College and the College is very pleased to be ahead of the other 27. At the end of June and July, the College was not doing great with the enrollment coming in and in the last 3 weeks of August into the beginning of September, it saw a great surge of students coming to the College for enrollment. President Petrizzo noted and thanked Dr. Adams and his team, as well as VP Araneo and her advertising team for their hard work to make the enrollment surge happen.

Trustee O'Connor commented that the creative efforts that were put in place and what was done to get the students enrolled at the College was amazing, and he thanked all the staff for what they accomplished.

Chair Murray agreed and said he too appreciated the efforts of the administration, and recognized that other community colleges suffered substantially greater loss of enrollment. He said there was still a chance to improve enrollment over the next few weeks and get close to the 7% that was budgeted which would be financially good for the College and was a testament to how hard everyone worked.

Trustee Canary commented that he has said time and time again that Suffolk County Community College continues to lead the way with its many innovative programs and is a model for many other community colleges. He added that, once again, the staff stepped up and did an incredible media blitz and, compared to Nassau Community College who also was not doing well, you did not see the level of advertising efforts like the College which he felt played a big part in the improvement of the enrollment numbers. He thanked all involved in that effort which has proven to be effective.

Chair Murray called for a motion for the approval of College Resolutions 2020.45 through 2020.47. Trustee Zarate so moved, Trustee Morgo seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020.45 - Approving Monthly Sponsor Services for Suffolk County Community College

WHEREAS, the State University of New York Regulation No. 602.7 requires the Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees to review and approve all Sponsor provided services and their estimated value in advance of the service being rendered, and

WHEREAS, the regulation also requires the approval of the payment of each Sponsor Service satisfactorily performed, and

WHEREAS, health insurance is considered a Sponsor Service, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the health insurance payment to the County of Suffolk in the amount of \$3,145,109.05 for the month of July 2020 and \$2,994,731.21 for the month of August 2020 (*Attachment I*) is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020.46 - Approving Budget Transfers

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has established a policy on the authorization of budget transfers, and

WHEREAS, according to said policy, budget transfers must be authorized by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs recommends the budget transfers on *Attachment II* as necessary for the operation of the College, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the budget transfers shown on *Attachment II* are hereby authorized and approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020.47 - Expressing Gratitude to the College's Faculty, Staff, and Students

WHEREAS, that in this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic, Suffolk County Community College has faced daunting challenges in fulfilling its mission; and

WHEREAS, these challenges include keeping our students safe, while at the same time providing them educational and instructional services so they can continue with improving their lives and careers; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Community College has experienced deep financial reductions in the support received from New York State; and

WHEREAS, additional reductions in State aid are anticipated; and

WHEREAS the administration, faculty, employees and students have worked cooperatively in addressing these challenges, going far and above any efforts that one could anticipate; and

WHEREAS, the exempt employees are having their salaries reduced by five percent; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and employees represented by unions have entered into agreements to provide concessions to assist the college in addressing the financial strains caused by the reduction in State aid; and

WHEREAS, the administration, led by Interim President Louis Petrizzo, the faculty, all employees and the students have made sacrifices on behalf of the College during this crisis, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees express its deep appreciation to the administration, faculty, employees and students for their dedication, hard work and cooperative efforts in assisting Suffolk County Community College in addressing the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic and the financial, emotional, and societal impacts caused by the virus, which efforts have permitted Suffolk County Community College to continue to fulfill its mission and maintain financial stability.

Chairman Murray moved to the committee reports and called for the Student Success committee report.

Trustee Pagdanganan reported the committee met on September 15th. Dr. Adams discussed with the committee the enrollment numbers, and she highlighted that the in-person enrollment days proved to be a success in the students' experience during enrollment. The College also anticipates further enrollment from its Beacon high school program and the late start program. Due to the success of using the arenas for the in-person enrollment to engage with students for the fall 2020, the College is now looking to use the same format in the upcoming winter and spring semesters. The boost to enrollment that occurred led to a decision to make added promotional efforts for the late start option which enables students to register for classes that will be offered remotely for 10 weeks starting October 7th and concluding on December 23rd. This outreach has targeted individuals who have returned home to Long Island from another college, and part-time students that may want to become full-time. The promotion on this late start appears in Newsday, social media platforms and postcards. Dr. Adams also discussed the extent of the Beacon Program which enables Suffolk to offer college credits to high school students. Typically, about 5,000 to 6,000 high school students are enrolled in this program which has created a positive effect on the College's enrollment numbers.

In regards to the CARES Act funds, approximately \$3.7 million has been disbursed out of the total \$6.5 million received by the College.

The College's public safety officers have been checking in employees and students planning on coming on campus. They review the College ID card and check the

completion of the health screening questionnaire; the operation has been running efficiently and smoothly.

VP Araneo informed the committee that SUNY Chancellor Malatras has announced the mandatory COVID-19 testing of on-campus students for all 64 SUNY campuses. In response to this mandate the College is now working towards being able to begin the full saliva testing starting September 28th. This testing which has been approved by the Department of Health is an innovative method where swab samples can be pulled in batches and run as part of one test. The College's proposed testing plan has been submitted to SUNY, and we are awaiting final approval to ensure it adheres to guidelines shared with the campus administration.

Ms. Wickliffe-Campbell reported to the committee that the College has seen an increase in student requests for laptops and Chromebooks. Student Trustee Gambina reported to the committee that students are adjusting to the start of a new school year. Club leaders are hoping to launch activities for students to participate in virtually. The committee also discussed National Hispanic Heritage Month, and Dr. Adams will be following up with Trustees Zarate and deLeon-Lopresti together with Chief Diversity Officer Christina Vargas on the topic of diversity.

Chair Murray called for the Governance Committee report. Trustee Canary reported the Governance Committee met on Monday, September 14th at 3:00 pm. Deputy General Counsel Alicia O'Connor updated the committee on several applications for use of facilities from external organizations. The College is looking for guidance on the Board's decision for holding such events in light of COVID-19 restrictions. DGC O'Connor informed the committee that the College currently has an application from the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service to use 30 classrooms on October 17th for civil service promotional exams. Discussion was held on the protocols that would be performed by the College and the County. The committee feels the College should request that the Civil Service Department provide the College with its COVID-19 safety plan for the testing, including their health screening protocols for exam-takers. The College would need to provide custodial staff to clean and sanitize the rooms; plant operation staff to mark desks where test-takers may sit in the classrooms to meet the social distancing requirements, affix markers on the floors to direct the flow of foot traffic, and set up sanitation stations in the required classrooms; and have public safety officers on site on the day of the exam. Special Events will work up an estimate on these expenses and relay that information to County. In addition to the expenses, it was suggested that the County make the test applicants aware of the protocols that the applicants would need to take and that they should allow for additional time to get on campus, getting through the security checkpoints. DGC O'Connor stated that permitting these tests to take place will require a high level of communication between the College and the County. Another application is from Senator Boyle's office for a blood drive with the New York Blood Center on Tuesday, October 21st. DGC O'Connor is going to research how the blood center is currently conducting their blood drives at other locations to ensure safety and request that they provide the College with their COVID-19 safety plan, and then report back to the committee. If the civil service exam can be

accommodated in a safe fashion, the College would like to move forward with the application for the CFA (certified financial accountant) exam, which, in the past, already has had very strict protocols in place. Other applications for use of facilities were denied due to the fact that they are not authorized under the arts and entertainment categories of the governor's reopening plan such as the performance by the American Dance Theatre Company, the reptile expo, and the car show. The committee will review the proposed dates for the 2021 Governance Committee meeting and will confirm at their next meeting. Agenda items for the October governance meeting will be added as they are revised. The next Governance Committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 12th, at 4:00 p.m. via conference call.

Chair Murray called for the Foundation report. Trustee Pagdanganan reported that the Foundation met on September 17th. The Foundation completed the fall 2020 scholarship cycle and experienced a 19% increase in the number of student scholarship applications received compared to last year. 96% of the scholarships have been awarded to deserving students at the College. The Foundation is currently working to identify and reward 4 remaining scholarships that had zero applicants. Trustee Pagdanganan gave a special thanks to the Foundation's Scholarship Program Coordinator, Kristie David, the Dean of Enrollment Management, Joanne Braxton, Mary Dernbach and the Foundation's development team for continuing to successfully respond to student scholarships during this uncertain time.

The Foundation had its first ever virtual fundraising event, Sipping for Scholarships which was hosted in August by Macari Vineyards. The event brought together alumni, faculty, staff, friends, and family to learn about wine from one of the region's most recognized sommeliers, Ms. Gabriella Macari, a second-generation vintner and wine matching expert. She guided the guests through a tasting of the vineyard's most popular wines that were delivered to guests' homes prior to the event.

The Foundation will also be hosting its first virtual 2020 Shark Shuffle. This was inspired by President Petrizzo's alma mater, Le Moyne College, which recently sponsored a Dolphin Dash virtual 5K run. The Shark Shuffle will also serve as a fundraiser with proceeds dedicated to student scholarships and is scheduled for October 12th through October 26th. It will engage students, faculty, staff, family, and friends to run, walk, scooter, skate, ride, to complete a 5K. Anyone interested in signing up can see any Foundation member, and all Board members were encouraged to participate and help generate interest in participating.

Chair Murray asked for the Student Trustee report. Student Trustee Gambina said Trustee Pagdanganan had covered most of the ongoing activities. Since the students can't participate in activities on campus, they have started hosting student government meetings over Zoom. They are also trying to get together with clubs and club leaders to figure out how they are going to approach upcoming events and plan ahead for the upcoming semester.

Chair Murray called for an update from the Presidential Search committee. Trustee Sanders said there were some prospects in the pipeline and they are now organizing and getting ready to schedule a search committee meeting to review those prospects. The committee continues to ask Board members and others if you they know anyone that may be eligible they can submit their names via the portal on the Suffolk County Community College website or tell the prospects to submit their own documents online.

Chair Murray moved onto the Chair's report. First he reviewed resolution number 2020.47 which was generated by the Board of Trustees to express its deep appreciation to the administration, faculty, employees, and students for the dedication, hard work, and cooperative efforts in assisting Suffolk County Community College in addressing the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic and the financial, emotional, and societal impacts caused by the virus, which have permitted the College to continue to fulfill its mission and maintain financial stability. He added that the Board of Trustees wanted to recognize all the employees, the administration, and the students for their sacrifices and their efforts, and said it was through these cooperative efforts and working together the College is doing as best as it can in these really difficult times, and they are looking forward to better days for the country and the school.

President Petrizzo thanked Chair Murray and the members of the Board for the resolution, and said it was always nice to know that their efforts were being appreciated. He thanked the union leadership for being cooperative in allowing this to happen, noting they did have collective bargaining agreements, but on behalf of the Faculty Association, Dante Morelli, on behalf of the Guild, Sean Tvelia, and on behalf of AME, Dan Levler, all recognized the situation and what was in the best interest of not only the College, but the employees and the students, and they joined in to make the sacrifices noted in the resolution.

Chair Murray said that usually they discuss advocacy on behalf of the College around budget season, however during this difficult period of time he feels advocacy on behalf of the College is very critical, noting that they've had discussions about the Excelsior program, the TAP program, and the reduction in the availability of those funds and how that may harm the students and their ability to attend the College. He urged people that benefit from the school to speak up and express the College's needs to function.

Trustee Morgo commented that the advocacy could extend to enrollment too; the more advocacy, the more they can encourage people to enroll at the College. He added he hopes to see the College get even better than the budgeted 7% decline. Compared to the other 30 community colleges, the College has done remarkably well, however if they continue to talk to friends and neighbors about what an incredible deal Suffolk County Community College is, he thinks that will help enrollment, as well.

Chair Murray moved to the President's report. President Petrizzo reported that classes started at the College on September 2nd with about 90% percent remote and 10% face-to-face with social distancing. Combination of face-to-face classes and remote modalities are in place and so far things have run fairly smoothly. Access to the three campuses remains restricted. Employees and students go through a screening each day in order to come on to campus, and the new SUNY regulations coming from the chancellor will now require that all students who come onto the campus will be tested under the pool surveillance testing program.

CARES Act money continues to be distributed. The College has distributed about \$3.7 million of the student grant fund and they continue to distribute funds as applications come in. Institutional CARES Act money is also being extended where appropriate. For example, the College recently purchased 100 additional laptop computers for distribution to students. The College is getting computers back from students who used them over the summer and redistributing that to students who need them in the fall.

The College accepted a donation from Volkswagen of a 2020 Atlas SUV for the Auto Tech program. Volkswagen dealers and corporate representatives were on campus for the dedication. The vehicle will be used by Auto Tech to develop future Volkswagen-trained auto techs for their dealerships on Long Island. New York State Assemblyman Doug Smith was also at the ceremony, and he presented certificates of recognition to the Volkswagen dealers and corporate representatives as a thank you for the donation. The Auto Tech program continues to shine and continues to see high enrollment that will produce many of the auto techs needed for the Nassau and Suffolk County workforce. The program received high reviews and high ratings from Volkswagen when comparing it to other programs in the area.

President Petrizzo said the main problem at the moment concerns the State aid and contributions to the Excelsior, TAP, and State grants. The College is very concerned about the programs and about the amount of aid that would eventually be distributed. It is six months into the State budget year and the College still does not know what the State aid will be, making it a very concerning situation. He noted that Excelsior and TAP are very important programs at the College. Many students count on those programs and having them up the air this late into the semester is a bad situation for all involved and, hopefully, the College can see some relief or certainty coming out of Albany on these programs by the end of the month.

President Petrizzo then asked Executive Dean Rios to give a brief update on what the pool surveillance COVID testing is since it will be affecting all the students who will come on campus.

Dean Rios reported that about two weeks ago SUNY Chancellor Malatras announced mandatory COVID-19 testing for all students attending on-campus courses across all 64 SUNY colleges. This announcement required the College to implement a COVID-19 testing program to ensure its approximately 2,500 students' college-wide this fall be tested on a regular basis at least three times per semester. Mr. Petrizzo asked the

coordinating team to utilize a new innovative testing process offered by SUNY, the COVID-19 pool saliva testing method. This was approved by New York State Department of Health and developed and validated by SUNY Upstate Medical University's lab, along with Quadrant Biosciences lab. They began the work to implement the pool saliva testing method for all of the campuses. Once President Petrizzo approved the plan, it was submitted to SUNY for review and we are now awaiting final approval from SUNY. The test is an innovative method where numerous individual saliva samples can be run as part of one COVID test. Saliva samples are pooled in batches as small as 10 and as large as 25 samples. The pool testing allows for up to 25 people to be screened in one test. The test is done using saliva rather than swabs inserted into a patient's nose. Individuals administer the test themselves, swabbing their mouths for 10 to 15 seconds each, and then they provide the saliva sample to a healthcare staff member who then combines the 10 or 25 samples into one batch. That batch is then tested for coronavirus at a lab.

Beginning the week of September 28th and continuing through early December, students attending on campus will be tested up to 3 times per semester. They have identified pooling test sites on all of the campuses. A schedule for the testing sites is being finalized. Efforts are being made to add a Saturday or an evening clinic once per month to help evening students get to campus and do this before or after their class. Each campus CEO has arranged a process to invite students to the testing clinic. They will also work with Dr. Adams to invite all athletic team members that are attending on-campus practices to be tested, as well. Faculty and staff who work on campus will be invited to voluntarily participate in the test. Every student will need to register with SUNY. Students can only be tested in one pool, and they plan to test by class section in order to preserve the delivery of a course in case a student is positive, in which case the entire cohort needs to isolate for two weeks.

On each of the three campuses the pool testing operations will be coordinated by college-wide Associate Dean for the School of Nursing, Dr. Cheryl Schaffer. Dr. Schaffer has arranged for our nursing students to staff most of these testing clinics, thereby insuring that the procedures and protocols are properly followed, that the staff is trained in privacy, and confidentiality is maintained. The nursing students will be supervised by nursing faculty and it will fulfill their clinical requirement, while helping the College address the student testing mandate. For each testing clinic, samples will be combined in batches up to 25 samples, and will be sent to SUNY Upstate Medical lab once per week where they will be analyzed for the COVID virus. Results will be received weekly. A negative test of the 25 samples in the group is presumed that, at the time, all are coronavirus-free. A positive test for the pool would mean that every person's sample from that group would need to be individually tested to determine who in the pool is COVID positive. As part of the process, each swab that the individual extracts their saliva with is also sent to the lab and coded. Once the College receive a positive result, it will then notify the pool to either isolate for up to 14 days or until the individual that has tested positive provides a negative COVID-19 result. These individuals will be referred for follow-up care. If an entire section of a course is found to be positive, remote learning will then take place temporarily. The SUNY agreement that each student

completes while attending on-campus courses has been modified to include this testing mandate as a student expectation. If a student refuses to be tested, they may be denied access to campus, but the College will certainly counsel and speak with those students individually. It is the College's belief that the many safety protocols that are now working effectively will help to contain the spread and keep everyone on campus safe.

Trustee deLeon-Lopresti asked about the turnaround time to get the results of the test. Dean Rios said 24 to 48 hours; the tests have to go to SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. If the College gets the batches to SUNY Upstate Medical Center labs by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, they can have results by the end of the day on Friday.

Trustee Canary asked if there has been any discussion from SUNY about when a vaccine is made available, the possibility of utilizing the Colleges campuses as a vaccine distribution location. President Petrizzo replied that there have not been discussions along those lines with respect to distribution of the vaccine. However, if Trustee Canary was suspecting that the pool surveillance testing is a result of the situation that occurred at SUNY Oneonta, he would probably be correct. This pool testing requirement came almost directly following the SUNY Oneonta situation, where they had about 600 to 700 COVID positive individuals and required everyone to return home and all classes to go remote. He added that it's probably the best reaction that could have been devised because it does come with a cost, but at least the pooling diminishes the cost somewhat. The College has estimated the testing is going to cost the College about \$150,000 for the semester, not including the cost of FedExing the biohazard materials up to SUNY Upstate from the campus. He said that in the final analysis it's something that will be a benefit to the students and to the employees, where the College will know what their situation is on a weekly basis.

Trustee Canary asked if the cost to the College is something that can get covered through the CARES Act fund. President Petrizzo said that was the intent. Usually before submitting the application under the CARES Act, the College first runs it through SUNY to get an opinion from them to make sure that it falls within the regulations for the institutional CARES Act funding. Trustee Canary asked that the Board be informed of any positive testing / outbreaks resulting from the testing.

President Petrizzo then asked VP Araneo and Dr. Sylvia Diaz to talk about some interesting events happening at the Foundation. VP Araneo said that at a meeting earlier in the week the College's Foundation Board of Directors passed a resolution related to a proposed transfer of scholarships funds from Dowling College. This process has been underway for almost two years. To effect this transfer, there is a proposed *Cy Pres* Petition prepared by counsel to Dowling College to present to the New York State Attorney General and her professional colleagues in the Charities Bureau. As part of this petition, Dowling's legal team asked the Foundation for a supporting resolution. The resolution was passed and it expresses gratitude and willingness to accept the future transfer of the scholarship funds designated in the petition and for those funds to be managed in perpetuity to support students of Suffolk County Community College in continuance of the goals expressed by the various Dowling donors. She noted the effort

is not yet complete, but they are inching closer to the finish line, and they wanted to bring the Board up-to-date on the current status of those conversations.

Chair Murray asked how much was involved. VP Araneo said that when they began having meetings with the Dowling team, the amount was \$1.5 million. With appreciation, it's probably at about \$1.8 million, with 50 scholarships involved.

Trustee deLeon-Lopresti said that was wonderful work and great news to hear at a time when students can really use scholarship money. She asked if the College was competing with other organizations who also wanted the access to the scholarship funds. VP Araneo said the team at Dowling was originally drawn to Suffolk in a lot of different ways. Many of the former board members were alumni or business partners with Suffolk, and there were relationships across many different industries among the membership. More importantly, the group was very interested in the College's Stay on Long Island approach to scholarship distribution that link the College's graduates with four-year institutions on Long Island. This is a way that they felt they could continue to see the benefit to the region through the College's graduates and through the various discipline-specific scholarships that had been established by the donors at Dowling.

Dr. Diaz added that they owed a debt of gratitude to Trustee Kevin O'Connor who is an alum at Dowling and assisted in getting the Foundation to be a contender for the funds.

VP Araneo commended the team for pulling together and their hard work, and Trustee O'Connor for helping to manage the conversation and get them to this point. Trustee Zarate commended the team involved in the process, noting the great effort. She asked what the disciplines were for the 50 scholarships. VP Araneo said there were various and agreed to provide a list of the scholarships and the disciplines.

Trustee Canary asked if the last hurdle is getting final approval through the State Attorney General's Charities Bureau. President Petrizzo said he believed a Supreme Court order needs to be entered authorizing the transfer. Trustee Canary said if they needed any help with communicating with the State Attorney General's office, he could assist in getting the Suffolk Senate and Assembly delegation involved. President Petrizzo thanked Trustee Canary and said he was not sure they needed assistance yet as the Attorney General's office has not been a stumbling block although they have been very precise in what they want and what they will approve.

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Chair Murray moved onto Roundtable. With no comments, he then requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of an employee at 10:18 a.m. Trustee Coverdale so moved, Trustee Canary seconded, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

With no further business to be conducted at the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. The Board of Trustees next meeting is October 15, 2020.

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Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Canary
Secretary